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## **Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)**

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 862 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 862 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

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The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.						
1. X This communication is responsive to <u>RCE/IDS filed on 02/</u>	<u>24/2010</u> .					
2. 🔀 The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>19-34</u> .						
<ul> <li>3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).</li> <li>a) All</li> <li>b) Some*</li> <li>c) None</li> <li>of the: <ol> <li>Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.</li> <li>Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).</li> <li>* Certified copies not received:</li> </ul> <li>Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements</li>						
<ul> <li>THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.</li> <li>4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.</li> </ul>						
<ul> <li>5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.</li> <li>(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached</li> <li>1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date</li> <li>(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date</li> <li>Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of</li> </ul>						
<ul> <li>each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).</li> <li>DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.</li> </ul>						
Attachment(s)       5. Institute of References Cited (PTO-892)       5. Institute of Informal Patent Application         2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)       6. Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date         3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 02/24/2010       7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment         4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material       8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance         9. Other       /Simon Sing/         Examiner, Art Unit 2614       2614						
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

#### Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 19-34 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: See reasons for allowance mailed on 12/16/2009.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Simon Sing whose telephone number is 571-272-7545. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang, can be reached at 571-272-7547. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-2600. /Simon Sing/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2614